

## To Join the Friends

Simply complete the enclosed Membership Application Form and Banker's Order and return them to the Canal Boat Project at the address below.

For an annual subscription of just £25 for individuals and £40 for couples you will receive:-

- \* **A Welcome Letter**
- \* **Regular Friends E-Newsletters**
- \* **An Invitation to the Friends Open Day**
- \* **A Friends car sticker**

If you are a UK taxpayer, signing the Gift Aid declaration will increase the value of your subscription by 28%.

### OUR ANNUAL RUNNING COSTS INCLUDE

- \* Boat licences..... £2000
- \* Boat insurance..... £4000
- \* Fuel..... £3000
- \* Boat safety and gas certificates .....£ 350

The cost of general maintenance and repairs can amount to many thousands of pounds

Your subscription really can make a difference. Please help us to continue to provide and improve on this valuable service.

## Other Ways to Help

If you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities, leaving a legacy or other ways to support us, please contact us.

Canal Boat Project  
Lock View, Burnt Mill Lane, Harlow, CM20 2QS

Tel - 01279 424444

E-mail - [admin@canalboat.org.uk](mailto:admin@canalboat.org.uk)

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Registered Charity No. 1108452



Dawn Treader



Stort Daybreak

# Become a FRIEND of the Canal Boat Project



Stort Challenger



Red Watch

## Who We Are

The Canal Boat Project is a registered charity providing affordable opportunities for anyone with a disability or their carers, charities, and community groups, to experience the joy of cruising the inland waterways.



"Ability, not disability"

From humble beginnings in 1989, we have evolved into one of the leading providers of day trips and holidays on the inland waterways for disabled and disadvantaged individuals and organisations.

Our fleet currently comprises two day boats: Dawn Treader and Stort Daybreak and two short break and holiday boats: Stort Challenger and Red Watch. Our regular users include residential homes, day centres, disability charities, community groups, youth organisations, schools and colleges, hospices, carers groups and families with disabled members.

We provide almost 300 daytrips every year for more than 3000 passengers. The majority of day trips (lasting for 4, 6 or 8 hours duration) are taken between May and September. However, the latter part of the year has been gaining popularity with a number of day trips being booked from October to December, taking advantage of our cosy heated boats. Special promotions are also available at certain times of the year, i.e. Christmas Cruises in December and Half Price offers in January and February.

Our short break and holiday boats operate under the banner of Lock View Canal Holidays. The most popular holiday cruises are from two to seven days duration. During 2007 approximately 500 people took advantage of this form of holiday and this number increases each year.

Our customer base for daytrips is primarily centred around the Essex, Hertfordshire and North and East London areas. Out of these a fair number make multiple bookings or take out more than one boat at a time. Short break and holiday hirers come from all over the country and we have recently had parties from as far afield as Holland and Denmark.

All of this would be impossible without the support of our team of 130 volunteers, who serve as skippers and crew for every daytrip, clean and prepare the boats and undertake routine maintenance tasks on the boats and our mooring facilities. Behind the scenes, we also depend on volunteers for fundraising, marketing and other core functions.

## What Makes Us Special

These are just some of the things that make a difference, either from our point of view, or from feedback from our many users:-

Our boats are perfect for group outings, family gatherings, special occasions, a change of scenery, or just respite from the normal routine.

Being able to see the river and watch the wildlife drift by.

Seeing the countryside and towns from a different perspective.

We provide an opportunity for people with disabilities to take a full and active part in the boating experience.

Our focus is on participation - ability not disability.

Our boats have been modified to enable users to play an active part in the operation of the boat, rather than just being a passenger.

Portable control panels with joystick controls have been fitted on Stort Daybreak and Stort Challenger to allow anyone to steer the boat from inside or out.

Peace, tranquility and being in the fresh air.

Excellent facilities on board.

Being able to relax and have a good time.

## How You Can Help

If you feel you would like to help support this worthwhile charity but your family and work commitments just do not make it possible for you to give your time, we invite you to share in our vision of community boating for all by becoming a *Friend* of the Canal Boat Project.

The aim of the *Friends* is to raise money through annual subscription fees to support the work of the Canal Boat Project.

By joining the *Friends* you will be able to play a vital role in helping the Project to cover the ever increasing costs of running and maintaining its four unique boats in good working order for our users.

# Friends of The Canal Boat Project Membership Application Form



Please complete and return the whole of this form to **"Friends of The Canal Boat Project"**  
Lock View, Burnt Mill Lane, Harlow, Essex. CM20 2QS.

## Your Details

### First Member

### Second Member

Name:		
Address:		
Post Code:		
Telephone:		
E-mail address:		

Type of Membership required (please tick):    Single - £25.00        Joint - £40.00   

Method of Payment:    Banker's Order        Cheque   

Subscription:    £   

Donation:    £   

TOTAL AMOUNT:    £   

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If you are a UK Taxpayer, it is possible under Gift Aid rules to increase the value of your subscription and any donation by 28% at no extra cost to yourself. If you wish to give this additional support to [The Friends of The Canal Boat Project](#), please tick the box below.

I wish The Canal Boat Project to reclaim the tax on all subscriptions and donations I make, from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I pay an amount of income or capital gains tax equal or greater to the tax that the Canal Boat Project will reclaim on my donations in each tax year. I agree to notify you of any change in my circumstances.

### Data Protection

- Please tick this box to confirm that you are happy to receive your Newsletter via email.
- We would like to send you other information about the Canal Boat Project. Only tick here if you do NOT want to receive any information other than relating to your subscription.

## Thank you for your support!

Your records will be stored on our computer but will not be released to any other organisation.

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## **BANKER'S ORDER FORM** – BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

### Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Standing Order

To: The Manager:				Bank / Building Society
Branch Address:				
				Postcode:
Account Name:				
Account Number:		Sort Code:		

Please pay **The Canal Boat Project Ltd**, HSBC plc, Canary Wharf Branch, (Sort Code 40-02-44), Canada Place, London, E14 5AH, account number 61786768 the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ on receipt of this Banker's Order and thereafter on 1 January each year until cancelled by me in writing.

Signed:		Date:	
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Please return the whole of this form to the Canal Boat Project. Thank you